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SUBJECT: NOTE FOUND ON JONES' BODY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE ENTITLED "WOMAN APPARENTLY
WROTE JONES NOTE" WHICH APPEARED WASHINGTON POST NOVEMBER

28, CREDITED TO LOS ANGELES TIMES.

2. QUOTE: THE FBI SEEKING TO QUELL SPECULATION THAT A NOTE
FOUND ON THE BODY OF PEOPLES TEMPLE LEADER JIM JONES WAS
HIS CRUCIAL DYING DECLARATION, YESTERDAY RELEASED THE TEXT,
WHICH INDICATED IT WAS WRITTEN TO HIM BY A WOMAN FOLLOWER.
THE NOTE FOUND ON JONES' BODY FRIDAY BY AN AIRMAN AT
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DEL. INDICATED THAT THE WRITER AGREED
WITH JONES' DECISION FOR A MASS SUICIDE.

IN RELEASING THE NOTE THE FBI CAUTIONED THAT THE
PERSON WHO WROTE IT COULD NOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED
UNTIL ADDITIONAL WRITING SAMPLES FROM JONES AND OTHER
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POSSIBLE AUTHORS WERE OBTAINED. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE READ:

"DAD: I SEE NO WAY OUT--AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION--I FEEL
ONLY THAT WITHOUT YOU THE WORLD MAY NOT MAKE IT TO
COMMUNISM. (NAME DELETED)

"FOR MY PART--I AM MORE THAN TIRED OF THIS WRETCHED,
MERC. LESS PLANET AND THE HELL IT HOLDS FOR SO MANY MASSES
OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE--THANK YOU FOR THE ONLY LIFE I'VE
KNOWN.

THE NOTE, WRITTEN ON A FOLDED SHEET OF LINED LOOSE-
LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A
SIGNATURE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE.

THE FBI DELETED THAT NAME, BUT IT WAS LEARNED THAT
IT WAS AN UNUSUAL, FEMININE GIVEN NAME, NO LAST NAME
INCLUDED.

THE SECOND PART OF THE NOTE CARRIED NO SIGNATURE.
SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH THE INVESTIGATION SAID THE FBI
HAD NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER THE APPARENT SIGNER OF
THE NOTE IS STILL ALIVE OR WAS AMONG THE MORE THAN 900
BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE MASS SUICIDE-MURDER RITUAL IN
GUYANA NOVEMBER 18.

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THE FBI IS KNOWN TO BE SEEKING SAMPLES OF JONES'S
HANDWRITING IN SAN FRANCISCO AND IN GUYANA. MORE THAN
ONE SAMPLE, PREFERABLY WRITTEN UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS
OF STRESS, IS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF COMPARISON
AND CONTRAST REQUIRED FOR POSITIVE HANDWRITING
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